### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JOHN J. TORPEY, JOHN ENRIGHT, CHRISTOPHER SHEERAN, PATRICK DOLAN, JR., PATRICK NORTON, VINCENT J. CURRAN, JR., ROBERT EGAN, JR., WILLIAM WANGERMAN, RAYMOND DEAN, JR., JOHN O'CONNELL, JAMES ELDER, RAYMOND HOPKINS, EDWARD ENGLISH, ROCCO ABBATE, ARTHUR KLANSKY, JOHN DIERKS, JEFF PORRELLO, RICHARD THOMPSON, TERENCE FARRELL, DONALD BURNS, JOHN KRITIS and WILLIAM McMORROW, SR., as TRUSTEES OF THE STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 638 PENSION FUND, SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT FUND, SECURITY BENEFIT FUND, VACATION FUND AND EDUCATIONAL FUND and ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION OF PIPE FITTERS AND APPRENTICES OF GREATER NEW YORK, NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES AND VICINITY LOCAL UNION 688 OF THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING AND

Civil Action No. 08 Civ. 4381 (RMB)(FM)

**ANSWER** 

Plaintiffs,

- against -

STATES AND CANADA, AFL-CIO,

TM&M MECHANICAL CORPORATION, TM&M SPRINKLER CORP., and TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION CORPORATION,

PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED

Defendants.		
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Defendant, Tri-State Fire Protection Corp. (hereinafter "Tri-State"), by its

attorney, Michael Salgo, as and for its Answer alleges as follows:

- 1. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a basis of belief as to those allegations made in paragraphs "1", "2", "3" and "4" of the Complaint.
- 2. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "5" of the Complaint, except admits that defendant Tri-State is a corporation duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of New York and has a principal place of business at 225 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York.
- 3. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "6" of the Complaint.
- 4. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "7" of the Complaint, except admits that Tri-State is partially owned by Barbara Timothy.
- 5. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "8", "9" and "10" of the Complaint.

#### AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

6. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "12", "13", "14", "15", "16", "17" and "18" of the Complaint.

### AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

- 7. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a basis of belief as to those allegations contained in paragraph "20" of the Complaint.
  - 8. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a basis of belief

as to those allegations contained in paragraph "21" of the Complaint, except denies that defendant Tri-State is obligated to the plaintiff in any way alleged in paragraph "21".

9. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "22", "23", and "24" of the Complaint.

# AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

10. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "26", "27" and "28" of the Complaint.

## AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

11. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "30" of the Complaint.

### AS AND FOR AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

12. Tri-State is not a party to any Collective Bargaining Agreement with plaintiff and, as such, there is no privity of contract, and no jurisdiction of this Court over the issues alleged against Tri-State.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully demanded that the Complaint be dismissed in its entirety against Tri-State Fire Protection Corp., together with costs and disbursements, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: Jericho, New York June 19, 2008

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